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NEWARK, N.J.---Early Easter Sunday morning the vanguard of the Newark Eagles 1945 baseball team left for Richmond, Va. spring training, and they will be followed next week-end by the other team members. As things are shaping up it looks like Mrs. Effa Manley, team owner, will this year have one of the greatest combinations in the Eagles' history.

Willie Wells, the ace shortstop; first baseman Lennie Pearson; pitchers Johnnie Davis, Robert Harvey and Donald Newcombe and Francis Matthews who has been in war work up in Massachusetts, were the first group to leave for Richmond.

Ray Dandridge, the second baseman, is expected to join this group in the next few days. If he does, this will give the Eagles that veteran keystone combine with Dandridge on second and Wells at short.

Albert Williams, newcomer of Rockville, Md, will join the team at Richmond. Raleigh Mackay, one of the Negro National League's best catchers is expected to come east from the coast and join the team before training is over.

Mrs. Manley listed former Eagle players still with the armed forces everywhere--pitchers Leon Day, Maxwell Manning, and Jim Brown; catchers Charley Parks and Monte Irvin; Clarence Israel who covered third; Larry Doby of Paterson, Earl Richardson and Wilmore Williams of the Navy, Leon Ruffin, Charley Thomas, and Jim Elan.

Pitcher Lemual Hooker yielded this year to Mexico's enticements and signed up for the seven months season there.

Terrice McDuffie, last season's colorful pitcher with the Eagles has returned from his winter season in Puerto Rico. His plans for this year are not known, although he agreed this week to give an interview which he said would contain "hot" news.

This season the Eagles have several night games scheduled for the Polo Grounds in New York and others scheduled for Brooklyn. Last season's success of local night games has moved Mrs. Manley to consider the possibility of staging more than one such game weekly when the Eagles are home.